



# Family Readiness Group Newsletter



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## Quote of the Month

*Duty-Honor-Country.*

*These three hallowed words  
reverently dictate what you  
ought to be, what you can be,  
and what you will be.*

*They are your rallying points:  
To build courage when courage  
seems to fail;*

*to regain faith when there  
seems little to cause faith;*

*to create hope when hope be-  
comes forlorn.*

*-Gen. MacArthur in his ad-  
dress to the graduating class of  
West Point on May 12, 1962.*

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## From the Group Commander COL Michael C. Sevcik

I am very honored to have the opportunity to command the 16<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group. To lead America's sons and daughters is a humbling experience and as I told the soldiers of the 16<sup>th</sup> CSG at the change of command, I pledge that they will have my very best effort.

The soldiers of the 16<sup>th</sup> CSG are providing critically needed ammo, fuel, maintenance, transportation and logistics support to the combat forces of V Corps. You should know that the duty here is tough, hot, dirty and sometimes dangerous. Your spouses, dad's and mom's have been doing a magnificent job and our nation and Army can be very proud of their efforts.



COL Michael C. Sevcik

All the soldiers of the group really miss Germany and virtually everyone wants to come home soon. I do not have any official news from the Corps on our redeployment but I do know the Chief of Staff of the Army made it a policy that soldiers will be returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom within one year of their deployment. I will let everyone know just as soon as we get the word on our "homecoming." I have talked to many of our Group soldiers and I can tell you that while everyone wants to get back home, no one wants to leave this country without accomplishing our mission. We all know that to pull out now would leave this country in anarchy. Many of our US soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines died purchasing the freedom the Iraqi's now enjoy. We all hope and pray that their ultimate sacrifice will bring a lasting peace and better way of life to the people.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the sacrifice you are making in letting the Army and our nation take your husband, wife, dad or mom for the past several months to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Words could never express the gratitude I feel for the sacrifice you are giving to our nation by going it alone on the home front. Many kids won't have a mom or dad attend a birthday party, soccer game, summer vacation or those special family holidays. Many spouses will miss that important birthday or anniversary or other important date. Thank you all so much for keeping the home fires burning. Please keep all of us in the 16<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group in your thoughts and prayers.

*Rescue me, O Lord, from evil men;  
Preserve me from violent men,  
Who devise evil things in their hearts;  
They continually stir up wars.*  
*Psalms 140:1-2*

COL Michael C. Sevcik  
Group Commander



COL Sevcik recognizes local Sheikh

## From the HHC Commander CPT Matthew A. Anderson

Hello Team 16 Family and Friends,

Yet another month of service in Iraq is complete bringing us that much closer to coming home.

The soldiers here have performed brilliantly and truly have been and remain the standard of excellence in the logistics field. They are to be commended on having had no injuries or accidents during the month of July. In fact, in the past six months HHC has had only one accident which resulted in a minor injury. I attribute the soldiers attention to detail, as well as, their safety focus during this operation for their notable safety record.

I believe the soldiers of HHC to be some of the most exceptional in the U.S. Army and each and everyday they prove me right. And even though during the past month changes have occurred in the leadership of the group one constant has remained-a commitment to excellence.

On 22 July 2003, COL Michael Sevcik

assumed command of 16th CSG with COL Joseph Brown passing him the guidon. COL Sevcik has since integrated into the operations with a seamless transition and is now providing outstanding leadership to the group.

In addition to changes in leadership, changes are being made in the company's Life Support Area with an improvement to our living conditions. A change that is sure to be a morale boost to our soldiers. A patio is nearly completed and construction on an MWR/Gym tent should begin 04 August 2003. When completed we will have a large fest tent filled with weight machines, exercise bikes, treadmills, a pool table and a ping pong table available for soldiers use.

In more recent days we have conducted several events to both recognize soldiers and boost their morale. On 01 August 2003, we had a Company Run and a Birthday Recognition Ceremony for soldiers with birth-

days in July and August. This activity will now become a monthly event. On 02 August 2003, we had a Soldiers Appreciation Luncheon. HHC soldiers were served pizza and soft drinks for the first time here in Iraq. The soldiers enjoyed both of these events.



CPT Matthew A. Anderson

In closing, I wish to thank-you for your continued support of our soldiers serving proudly in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Knowing that without your commitment we would not be performing above the rest in support of our great nation. God Bless America!

Very Respectfully,  
Matthew A. Anderson  
Captain, Transportation  
Commanding

## HHC has meeting with two local tribes in Iraq

Recently soldiers from HHC 16th CSG along with soldiers from 485th HHD met with Sheikhs of two local tribes, Sheikh Khathir Abbas of the Al-Jannabi tribe and Sheikh Abu Muhammad of the Aloweosat tribe.

The purpose of the meetings were to determine how the Group and Battalion could help locals in the post-war recovery efforts near our base of operations.

In the case of the Aloweosat Tribe, no Coalition Forces had yet to meet with them and so



we arranged a formal meeting and dinner with them in the village. We were very well received and greeted with a great amount of hospitality by both Sheikhs. The meals they prepared for us were native to the country and completely delicious.

Our soldiers enjoyed the cultural exchange and the experience in general. The villagers were very excited about building a friendship and working relationship with the soldiers of the 16th CSG.

We have determined the needs of the Iraqi people in this area and have begun making plans to meet those needs along with Civil Affairs, the Marines, and 1st Armored DIV representatives in the area.



The Group Commander formed an assessment and action team to use funds provided by the Coalition to begin works projects in the villages to improve water sanitation, schools, and infrastructure.

The 485th BN CDR and select personnel recently walked the terrain along the Euphrates River with the Sheikh of the Aloweosat tribe to determine locations for future water purification systems.

The work has only just begun, but the efforts and exchanges between the Group and the locals are already beginning to pay off. The Group will continue its efforts to make life better for the Iraqis in our area and foster enduring friendships.

## We Salute You!

### LTC List

MAJ Brown  
MAJ Kanney, R.  
MAJ Packer  
MAJ Waller



### SFC List

SSG Fortenberry  
SSG Hobbs  
SSG Houston  
SSG Koder  
SSG Montgomery  
SSG Washington  
SSG Williams

### Promotions

CPT Strack to MAJ  
SFC Kramer to MSG  
PV2 Luna to PFC

### Awards

**SGT Rivers**, AAM, Commandants List at PLDC

**SGT Rivers**, Good Conduct Medal

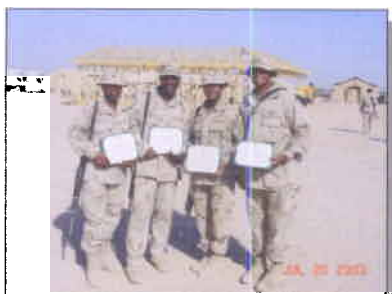
**SGT Haynes**, Good Conduct Medal

**SPC Hill**, Good Conduct Medal

**1LT Hodge**, ARCOM, PCS Award

**SGT Morales**, ARCOM, ETS Award

**Congratulations** from your Family Readiness Group!



**WE MISS YOU GUYS!**  
**STAY SAFE**  
**AND**  
**COME HOME SOON!**  
Your FRG

## Support our Soldiers

The FRG and Rear D continues to seek donations for care packages to be sent downrange to single soldiers.

The collection box is located outside of the door to the EAC, room 102, on the first floor of the headquarters building on Hutier Kaserne. Packages remain a morale boost-KEEP'EM COMING!



LTC Debarth and an Iraqi child

**Rank/Name**  
**HHC, 16th CSG (WC9GAA)**  
**3 COSCOM**  
**Unit #91777**

## Downrange Happenings

On 22 July 2003, COL Joseph Brown relinquished the 16th Corps Support Group to COL Michael Sevcik.

A memorable Change of Command Ceremony was held in Iraq-complete with Army Band.



Passing the Guidon.

Smith with a score of 24.

In a **golf tourney** held on the occasion of COL Brown's Farewell just prior to his departure winners were as follows:

**First Place:** MAJ Waller, MAJ Bohn, and CPT

**Second Place:** MAJ Pacheco and CPT Anderson with a score of 25.

**Third Place:** COL Brown, CSM Yarborough with a score of 26. **(Knocked in a birdie on the fifth hole, only birdie of the day for any team.)**

It's been business as usual downrange with morale building activities throughout the month.



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**EMERGENCY POLICE:** CIV 88-114

## Upcoming FRG meetings

There will **not** be an FRG meeting during the month of August. Meetings will resume in September.

**The next Family Readiness Group meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2003 at 1830 in the DEFAC.**

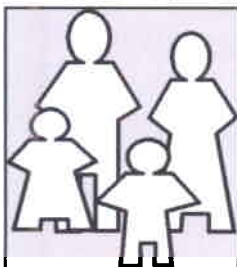
Input received from spouses regarding changes in time and place of FRG meetings included:

- 1) Change to a location other than the Chapel Annex because of the multiple stairs needed to be climbed.
- 2) Change to time meetings to be held from 1800 to 1830 to allow for families to get home from work

and after school activities prior to coming to the meetings.

The meetings will remain on the second Wednesday of each month for the time being.

Come and join us on September 11.



**MAJ Dvorshak** will brief us on Downrange Happenings.

I will also look into getting another round of video messages and digital photos lined up to send to our soldiers.

Kids encouraged to come.  
Drinks provided.



*Thank-You*

*MAJ Dvorshak*

*For your Support!*

## Willkommen und auf Wiedersehen!

**HHC welcomes the following soldiers and their families:**

**CW2 McLeod** to become the PBO

**PV2 Schneider** from AIT to CSSAMO

**MAJ Hixon** from CGSC to be the S3

**HHC wishes the following soldiers and their families a fond farewell:**

**SFC Miller** to PCS to FT Irwin, CA  
**1LT Hodge** to PCS to CLC3  
**SGT Morales** to PCS home  
**SFC Gunder** to PCS to Fort Sam Houston, TX

**CPT Staley** to PCS to Seattle, WA  
**CW2 Stoudemire**  
**MAJ Pacheco** to Heidelberg, Germany

## Monthly Website Spotlight

[www.mappy.com](http://www.mappy.com)



Planning a road trip before Summer ends? Wishing you had access to a 'AAA type' detailed map of Europe? Visit [www.mappy.com](http://www.mappy.com) and print out a detailed travel itinerary free of charge.

## Community Happenings in Hanau and Surrounding Areas

Stay tuned to Community Happenings by picking up a copy of the Herald Union and checking out the Hanau Community Website at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil).

August is upon us and it is HOT, HOT, HOT! Looking for a place to cool down? Spend the day at Kahler See in the city of Kahl. Afterwards, you can enjoy a nice steak at "Seeterrasse" a very good restaurant. For details go to [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil).

## Kid's Craft Corner

### Picture Postcards

Send news and photos from the home-front with these simple home-made postcards.



#### Items Needed:

Empty pasta box (with cellophane window)  
Half-gallon milk or juice carton  
Ruler  
Pencil  
Scissors  
Photographs  
Craft glue  
Permanent marker

dard postcard should be no bigger than 4 1/4 inches high by 6 inches wide, no smaller than 3 1/2 inches high by 5 inches wide, and no thicker than 1/4 inch. Oversized cards, as well as ones that weigh more than 1 ounce, will require additional postage.

#### Step 2:

Cut out the rectangle and trace around it onto another portion of the box. Then, cut out the second rectangle. Position your photograph behind the cellophane window so that your image is centered.

#### Step 1:

Measure and draw a rectangle around the cellophane window on the box. Keep in mind that according to postal regulations, a stan-

Glue down the edges of the photo to hold it in place. Then, lay the card face-down on a flat surface.

#### Step 3:

Next, apply glue to the printed side of the second rectangle and stick it to the back of the first one. Using the edge of the ruler, press down on the cards or stack a couple of heavy books on top of them to make sure the two layers stick together while the glue dries.

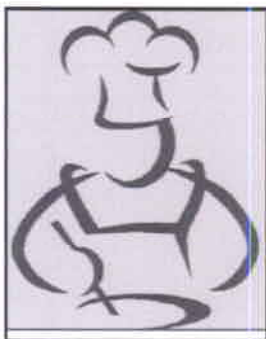
#### Step 4:

The postcard can be embellished further by gluing a colorful cardboard border (cut from the same box) around the photo or along the outer edges of the card itself.

#### Step 5:

Lastly, use the permanent marker to draw a vertical line on the back of the postcard to divide the writing surface into two sections -- the left-hand side for your message and the right-hand side for the recipient's address.

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### RECIPE CORNER

Each month I will feature a new recipe. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share please let me know. This month's recipe, is:

### Easy Summer Pie

This pie is "an extra-easy wonderfully refreshing cream cheese and mixed fruit pie. Perfect for picnics and hot Summer nights".

**Prep Time:** approximately 25 minutes.

**Cook Time:** approximately 15 minutes

**Ready in:** approximately 40 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 (9 inch) frozen pie crust, thawed
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 (11 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, halved
- 4 kiwi, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

### DIRECTIONS

- 1) Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
- 2) Roll pastry into an 11 inch circle. Lay flat on a baking sheet or pizza pan. Prick several times with a fork. Bake in preheated oven for 12 to 15 minutes, until light brown. Remove and allow to cool completely.
- 3) In a small mixing bowl, beat together cream cheese and sugar until mixture is creamy and smooth. Spread evenly onto cooled pastry. Arrange fruit in a decorative pattern over cream cheese layer. Chill until ready to serve.

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*We're on the web!*  
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army.mil/16csg/family](http://www.3coscom.wiesbaden.army.mil/16csg/family)

# August 2003

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